

and other eligible areas in the four United States border States to desalinate ocean seawater and brackish surface and groundwater, and dispose of or manage the brines resulting from desalination.

In California, over the last two decades the population has grown by more than 30 percent while the water supply has increased by only 2 percent. But as California's need for water increases, the number of available sources for drinking water are shrinking. For example, Lake Mead (on the Colorado River), has dropped 28 feet in the last two years and is on track to soon be at a 30 year low, a situation that has been exacerbated by the recent drought.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the North American Development Bank's mission of providing clean and safe water to all of America's southern border areas, especially southern California. By passing this legislation by unanimous consent, Congress has acknowledged southern California's dire need for ensuring an adequate water supply and the important role that the North American Development Bank can play in accomplishing this objective.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JACK VALLELY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jack Valley of Newton, Massachusetts—a man who lives his life with a selflessness and unmatched dedication that have made him an inspiration to countless others. As Jack celebrates his eighty-third birthday later this month, I would like to join with his friends, family and former players in congratulating him on this milestone and in wishing him all the best in the many years to come.

Jack was born on Halloween Day back in 1919 in Waltham, Massachusetts—one year after his beloved Red Sox last won the World Series! The oldest of seven children, Jack learned responsibility at a young age, making sacrifices to help his mother Mary take care of his brothers and sisters after the tragic death of their father from an illness brought on by his work in the local watch factory. Holding odd jobs to help replace his father's lost income, Jack found recreation on Waltham's local basketball courts and baseball diamonds. He was an avid participant in many sports back then, a passion that he would eventually turn into his life's work.

In 1948, Jack took a job as the head baseball coach at Curry College in Milton, Massachusetts, a position he would hold for the next fifty-one years. Over that time, Valley would build an impressive record of accomplishments, with over 700 wins and nearly a .730 winning percentage. However, with Coach Valley it was never about the game's statistics; the only statistic that mattered to him was that in all of his 51 years at Curry College virtually all of Coach Valley's players have graduated. As Jack likes to say, "the people are what I remember . . . The yardstick isn't numbers, it's how much the kids have improved, how much have you helped them physically

and mentally. How much good have you done." It is for this attitude, and his impressive record of accomplishments, that Collegiate Baseball recognized Valley as the NCAA Division III "Coach of the Century" in 1998. And it is for this approach to sports, and life, that I wish to bring Jack Valley to the attention of my colleagues here today.

In February of 1999, on the eve of his record fifty-second season at the helm of the Curry College Colonels, Jack was struck with a major stroke that paralyzed his right side and hindered his speech. The hard work and dedication that Valley exhibited throughout his coaching career—never missing a game or practice in over 51 years—has carried over into his stirring recovery effort. The progress he has made in regaining the functionality lost due to the stroke has been significant. The determination with which Jack has tackled this challenge so late in life has been inspirational.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to bring the powerful example of Jack Valley to the attention of this body of Congress and our nation. Jack Valley's grandson, Jason Reese, serves as one of my legislative assistants, and it is through their devoted relationship that I have learned of the obvious character, compassion and love with which Jack has led his life. I am proud to join with family, friends and generations of former players in wishing Coach Valley a very happy 83rd birthday.

TRIBUTE TO ZENAIDA MELGOZA ON BEING AWARDED THE 2002 ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Zenaida Melgoza, a distinguished citizen and a resident of San Mateo County, who is being honored on October 16, 2002, by the Sacred Heart Schools of Atherton, California, with the 2002 St. Madeleine Sophie Barat Award.

Zenaida came to the United States from Aguilla Michoac[aacute]n, Mexico, when she was just thirteen years old, moving with her family to Redwood City, California. In 1978 when she first began working at what was then known as Convent of the Sacred Heart, Menlo, she was already a young wife and the mother of two. Zenaida worked with and for the Religious, helping in the boarding school, the cafeteria, and with general housekeeping for the growing community of Sisters and students. She loved the children at the school and developed warm relationships with everyone she met. When graduates stop by to visit the campus today, Zenaida recognizes and remembers them, often surprising them when she calls them by name after 15, 20, or almost 25 years. She still visits regularly with the Religious she has known so well who are now in the retirement home on the campus.

Sacred Heart is Zenaida's second home and she embraces everyone at the Schools as her family, as they do her. She has brought many of her relatives to the campus to work, finding someone to help the Sisters with what-

ever was needed. Her uncle and four of her cousins have worked at Sacred Heart over the years and some still do. Zenaida and her husband Rafael still live in Redwood City where they have raised their family of four children. Their youngest daughter Cristina just graduated from the grade school last year. Their oldest grandchild Rafael is in the first grade, and his sister Jocelyn is in the preschool. Zenaida's relationship with Sacred Heart is a story of love and dedication that is rare indeed.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Mrs. Zenaida Melgoza as she receives the 2002 St. Madeleine Sophie Barat Award. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting her and thanking her for her extraordinary service to the Sacred Heart community and for strengthening our country through her countless contributions.

HONORING THE HEROISM OF MR. KENNETH W. MERRERO OF HER-SHEY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to recognize Mr. Kenneth W. Merrero, a constituent of mine from Hershey, Pennsylvania, for his bravery and heroism. Mr. Merrero saved the life of his co-worker, Mr. Michael F. Tomlin, on July 30, 2001.

Mr. Tomlin was seated in a pickup truck parked on the shoulder of a highway when another vehicle struck it from behind. The impact forced Mr. Tomlin's truck into a drill rig parked in front. Fires broke out at the front and rear ends of Mr. Tomlin's truck. The collision caused Mr. Tomlin to strike his head. He sat in the truck dazed and surrounded by fire.

Fearlessly, Mr. Merrero approached the pickup truck to look for Mr. Tomlin, but because of the dense smoke, he could not see Mr. Tomlin. Mr. Merrero opened the passenger door of the truck, climbed inside, and attempted to pull Mr. Tomlin across the seat. However, Mr. Tomlin was caught in the wreckage and Mr. Merrero had to re-enter the truck to free him. Finally, Mr. Tomlin was pulled to safety as the fire engulfed the truck.

Mr. Tomlin was hospitalized but soon recovered.

For his astonishing heroism, Mr. Merrero was recognized recently by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. The Commission awards the Carnegie Medal to those individuals who have risked their lives to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Mr. Merrero for his great courage and on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, congratulate him for being awarded the Carnegie Medal. Just as Mr. Tomlin is a blessed man for having Mr. Merrero so close that day, so too is the entire Central Pennsylvania community for having their own noble and exemplary hero.